

REMARKS

Each of claims 1-43 remains pending and at issue in this application, with claims 1, 16, 27, and 36 being independent claims. Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the allowance of claims 1 and 3-26. With this Response, Applicants amend each of claims 3, 5, 6, and 8 to correct dependencies in response to the pending claim objections, and amend each of claims 1 and 16 to address issues of antecedence identified by the Office. Applicants also amend each of claims 27 and 36. Each of the amendments finds support in the application as originally filed and, accordingly, the amendments add no new matter. In view of the amendments above and the remarks below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Claim Objections

The Office indicates objection to each of claims 3, 5, 6, 8, and 27. The Office indicates that claims 3, 5, 6, and 8 should each depend from claim 1. Applicants have amended these claims accordingly, and request withdrawal of these objections.

The Office fails to indicate in the Office action the reason for which it objects to claim 27 and, accordingly, Applicants have not amended this claim. If the Office believes correction is required, Applicants respectfully request the Office to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Each of claims 1 and 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly failing to point out particularly and distinctly claim the subject matter the Applicants regard as the invention. In response to these rejections, Applicants amend each of claims 1 and 16 to correct the antecedence issues identified by the Office. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Each of claims 27-35 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,631,825 to van Weele et al. ("van Weele"). Each of claims 36-43 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0075689 of Schleiss et al. ("Schleiss").

As amended, independent claim 27 is directed to a process control and configuration system and recites, in part, wherein one process entity of the set of process entities is depicted by a first graphic visualization in the one of the set of interrelated graphic displays and by a second graphic visualization in the another one of the set of graphic displays.

Van Weele cannot anticipate claims 27-35 at least because van Weele fails to disclose all of the elements recited by amended claim 27 and, in particular, fails to disclose first and second visualizations depicting a process entity on respective first and second graphic displays. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection and of the rejections of claims 28-35, each of which depends from claim 27.

Similarly, amended independent claim 36 is directed to a process control and configuration system and recites, in part, wherein a first of the set of interrelated graphic displays depicts one of the process entities by a first graphic visualization and a second of the set of interrelated graphic displays depicts the one of the process entities by a second graphic visualization.


Schleiss cannot anticipate claims 37-43 at least because Schleiss fails to disclose all of the elements recited by amended claim 36 and, in particular, fails to disclose first and second visualizations depicting a process entity on respective first and second graphic displays. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection and withdrawal of this rejection and of the rejections of claims 37-43, each of which depends from claim 36.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, all remaining claims are in condition for allowance for the reasons provided above. Although Applicants believe that no fees or petitions are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun, LLP under Order No. 06005/41111. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the foregoing comments or any claim amendments deemed needed to result in allowance, Applicants kindly request the Examiner to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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